

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended)      A panel according to claim 8, wherein marks of the first and second sets of lines each have first and second characteristics.
5. (Currently Amended)      A panel according to claim 8, wherein said panel is a piece of gypsum board.
6. (Currently Amended)      A panel according to claim 8, wherein said panel is one of plywood, plyscore, and particle board.
7. (Currently Amended)      A panel according to claim 8, wherein said distance has a value of 1 inch or less.
8. (Currently Amended)      A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which the lines of the first set have a first distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said first set and in which the lines of the second set have a second distance of 2 inches or less therebetween which

is different from said first distance and run in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said second set, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended)      A method according to claim 20, wherein said panel is a piece of gypsum board.

11. (Currently Amended)      A method according to claim 20, wherein said panel is one of plywood, plyscore, and particle board.

12. (Currently Amended)      A method according to claim 20, wherein marks of the first and second sets of lines each have first and second characteristics.

13. (Currently Amended)      A method according to claim 12, wherein the first characteristic is a first color and the second characteristic is a second color.

14. (Currently Amended)      A method according to claim 12, wherein the first characteristic is a solid line and the second characteristic is a dotted line.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended)      A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel including a side having a number of marks arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a first distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have a second distance of 2 inches or less therebetween which is different from said first distance and run in said second direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

20. (Currently Amended)      In a method for fabricating a relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, the improvement comprising the step of fabricating said panel to include a side having a number of marks arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a first distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first

end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have a second distance of 2 inches or less therebetween which is different from said first distance and run in said second direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in substantially parallel lines having a distance which has any value up to 2 inches therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines, wherein the substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel in the same direction as said parallel lines.

24. (Currently Amended) A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which the lines of the first set have a distance of any value up to 2 inches or less

therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a direction tranverse to the extent of said lines of said first set and in which the lines of the second set have a distance of any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said second set, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

25. (Currently Amended) A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel including a side having a number of marks arranged in a plurality of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines being adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said lines have a distance which has any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines, wherein the substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel in the same direction as said parallel lines.—

26. (Currently Amended) In a method for fabricating a relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, the improvement comprising the step of fabricating said panel to include a side having a number of marks arranged in a plurality of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports and in which said lines have a distance which has any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one

end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines,  
wherein the substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on  
said panel in the same direction as said parallel lines.

27. (Currently Amended) A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be  
attached to a number of supports, said panel including a side having a number of marks arranged  
in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is  
adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines  
of the first set have a distance of any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first  
direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second  
direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have said  
distance of any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in said second direction and  
are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first  
direction, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said  
number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

28. (Currently Amended) In a method for fabricating a relatively thin frame covering  
panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, the improvement comprising the step of  
fabricating said panel to include a side having a number of marks arranged in first and second  
sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the  
attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a  
distance which has any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and  
are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction

perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have said distance  
which has any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in said second direction and are  
placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction,  
wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of  
marks are the only lines on said panel.